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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your letter of 12 July 2020 requesting the following information:

I would be very grateful if you could help with the following enquiry.

Background.

I am the current owner of Land Rover 101 forward control, military ID 27 XH 86, chassis number 96400470A which I believe was ordered under contract RWP 100 RAOC Germany, in 1978. It has been confirmed that this vehicle was delivered from the land Rover factory to British Leyland, Germany on 23/03/1978 for use by the BAOR in Berlin during the cold war.

1. Can you confirm that this vehicle was paid for by the West German Government under war reparations?

2. Can you confirm how this vehicle was disposed of at the end of its service life in Berlin, i.e. was it auctioned, and where was it auctioned, or was it returned to the original supplier, or other means of disposal?

3. The service record B card, (copy enclosed) shows a disposal date of 28/06/1992, S/0 Berlin. This vehicle was civilian registered in the UK by the DVLA on 06/11/1991. Could you possibly offer an explanation as to the discrepancy between the dates, as it appears to demonstrate the vehicle in use in the UK while still on the books of the BAOR.

This vehicle was purchased by myself legitimately from the previous owner who in turn had owned the vehicle since 1995. The chassis number and the original manufacturers plate were both attached to this vehicle with no evidence of alteration.

I would further add that I have restored this vehicle back to military specification and display the vehicle while assisting charities such as the Royal British Legion at events.

I would be very grateful for any help as I am attempting to resolve these issues with the DVLA. I am unable to currently use this vehicle on the road until these issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the DVLA.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

Following a search of our archives, I have found the attached vehicle history, but no other information could be found.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the majority of these vehicles were disposed of in the 1990s. If you contact Land Rover directly it may be help with a manufacture date. You could also try the following links:

the British Motor Museum;

<https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/archive/access-the-archive-records>

the DVLA recognised vehicle owners club;

<https://www.gov.uk/vehicle-registration/old-vehicles>

and the 101 Owner club may be able to provide further assistance.

<https://www.101club.org/>

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Due to current working conditions I would be grateful if you could contact me at the above email address if you require any further information.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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